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In re Application of :
Wayne P. Young, John I. Shipp :
and Keith Ratcliff : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Application No. 10/680,973 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: October 7, 2003 :
Title: INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS
FOR USE IN LAPAROSCOPIC
SURGERY

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed July 7, 2004.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Please note, the last known address of the inventor is assumed to be the address listed in the Declaration.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for examination *in due course*.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-9200.

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